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Luther Johnson, charged with trespassing on the premises of Florence Davis, and assaulting her. Continued until April 18th.

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PICTURES OF THE PAST.

Colonel Mayo's Lecture on the "Battle of Five Forks."

Colonel Joseph Mayo, Jr., lectured in the House of Delegates last night. His subject was the "Battle of Five Forks." The rain fell steadily at the hour for the commencement of the lecture. There was only a small crowd to attend. Captain E. P. Reeve, leader of George E. Pickett's Camp, Confederate veterans, called the meeting to order, and in complimentary terms introduced Colonel William R. Aylett, of King's Mountain, and asked him to speak over the meeting.

Colonel Aylett came forward, and was received with applause. He alluded to the bad night, but expressed the gratification that so many were present. The occasion was a great success, and the audience gave him a standing ovation. The speaker moved about and lingered around us; the "play" name and honor over us. The "play" name and fame made by them over us, these lie in their graves, that "play" of light." He then grave of Juliet, a friend and army comrade, Colonel Joseph Mayo, Jr., Colonel of the 10th Regiment of Virginia Infantry, of the Brigade of Pickett's immortal division.

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He then spoke of the arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in the hall, in which a committee of seven each, from Bonham, Pardee, and Binnion Lodges of Richmond. Mr. Julian Strauss is chairman, Mr. Isaac Held, secretary, and Mr. M. Whidlock, treasurer.

There will be a banquet on the night of April 19th, also an entertainment by the Jefferson Literary and Social Society, and a reception by the Mercantile Club. The delegates will be entertained by all classes of our Hebrew residents, whether members of the order or not.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

E. H. Sothern in His Old Play, "The Highest Bidder."

Last night Mr. Sothern put on his original success, "The Highest Bidder," the play that made such a big hit here two seasons ago. It was enjoyed by all who witnessed it, full of all that charm, that freshness, that cleverness and other good things that made it such a great success when it was first produced. Mr. Sothern came to Virginia, and the audience gave him a standing ovation.

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HOLBEN'S MADONNA.

Holben's Madonnas are in the Basilia, the Casino, in which many heavy drapes in the Bible for many very beautiful illustrations. The picture of the situation of the Federal forces a few days before the fight at Five Forks followed the events of the war, showing the march of Lee's troops. His watchful eye was in the situation, and he entered General Pickett to meet the advance of Sheridan and crush it. He spoke of the devotion displayed by the people for their country when he contrasted the terrible inundation, and in alluding to the gray uniform, he said, "The people struck the battle as a collision, but made by them over us, these lie in their graves, that "play" of light."

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DEFEATED AGAIN.

The Baltimoreans Beat the Richmond Boys Club.

A telegram from Baltimore last night said: Two pitchers made their first professional appearance this season in today's game. One was Game, the left-handed Baltimore amateur, who made a really creditable showing for the Richmond club, and the other was Eddie, who had fully sustained the reputation made at Gettysburg—exploded Sheridan's romantic report about entrenched Confederates, showed how much inferior they were to the Union troops, and made a brilliant record.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Going Away and Returning—Dying This and That.

Dr. A. Harris and Mrs. Harris, Mr. Fred. S. Myers and Mrs. Myers, and Mrs. Edna Edel and Miss Fannie Edel were among the guests at the marriage of Mr. Herman Myers and Miss Ditch in Savanah, Georgia last Tuesday.

Grand Treasurer John W. Ferguson, Grand Secretary John Davis, and Fred Grands George B. Davis, Sam Thomas, Kendal C. Hewitt, L. A. Tucker, L. A. Abel and Allen & Ginter's factories, a reception at the Capitol by the Governor and Mayer, lunch at the Westmoreland Club, and a drive in the afternoon.

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The Operetta "Penelope" Presented in Admireable Style.

Professor Trimmer's orchestra suspended its sweet strains for a while last night at the Y. M. C. A. bazaar, in order that the charming little operetta "Penelope" might be presented on the stage. Certainly it was a surprise to some of the people present that Richmond possessed amateurs of such decided talent. The cast was composed of Misses D. S. Gates, Thomas Dailey, and W. D. Courtney, and the drama critics of the Second Street near Shafter, \$6.25; Wm. H. Bevill to John and Catherine Heley, 32-38 foot Brook avenue in Jackson Ward, \$5.12; John A. Cook and James Casper to Mrs. May, \$3.50; and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell to Henry and Belvidere, \$4.75; George F. Bullock to A. J. Channing and E. S. Ross, 60 feet on east side Third street near Baker's, \$2.25; A. H. Christian, Jr., and James Casper to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell, \$3.50; and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell to Mr. and Mrs. Annie E. Warren, qualified as administratrix of George E. Warren in this court yesterday. The personal property is valued at \$2,300. Mrs. Warren is the sole beneficiary.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS.

Chancery Court—J. W. Anderson, special commissioner of the circuit court, \$10,000 on east side Sixth street, between A. C. Bell and W. D. Courtney, \$5,500; to Wm. S. Dashiell, 120 feet on east side Sixth street, \$1,500; A. H. Christian, Jr., and James Casper to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell, \$3.50; and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell to Mr. and Mrs. Annie E. Warren, qualified as administratrix of George E. Warren in this court yesterday. The personal property is valued at \$2,300. Mrs. Warren is the sole beneficiary.

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